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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TDY OF EMBASSY BONN LOCAL EMPLOYEES

REF: STATE 162908, 7/26/74

1. AS ANTICIPATED IN OUR EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BONN, WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE STAGE WHERE EXPERIENCED LOCAL EMPLOYEES FROM BONN WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP EMBASSY BERLIN AND IN THE TRAINING OF LOCAL EAST GERMAN EMPLOYEES. THE TEMPORARY DETAIL, AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, OF A PERSONNEL SEPCIALIST, A BUDGET AND FISCAL SPECIALIST, AND A GENERAL SERVICES SPECIALIST WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. WE ESTIMATE THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SET UP PROCEDURES AND TRAIN THE LOCAL STAFF.

2. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUITABLE LOCAL LABOR, WE ARE ALSO HOPEFUL THAT ONE LOCAL EMPLOYEE COULD BE SPARED BY BONN TO PERFORM VARIOUS CARPENTRY TASKS IN THE RESIDENCES AND APARTMENTS. MUCH OF THIS WORK IS PRELIMINARY TO THE PREPARATION OF OR PROCUREMENT IN BONN OF ITEMS, SUCH AS SHOWER RODS, ETC., NEEDED TO FINISH OFF OUR VARIOUS DWELLINGS. THE CARPENTER, WHOSE SERVICES WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR TOW WEEKS, (POSSIBLE LESS) COULD ALSO DISCUSS OUR REQUIREMENTS REGARDING INSTALLATION OF THESE ITEMS WITH LOCAL GDR PERSONNEL.

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3. COMMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GDR OFFERED NO OBJECTION

TO THE TRAINING OF EMBASSY BERLIN LOCAL EMPLOYEES BY EMBASSY
BONN GERMAN PERSONNEL WHEN THIS PROPOSAL WAS ADVANCED DURING
THE AUGUST 1974 VISIT TO BERLIN OF THE US ADMINISTRATIVE
TEAM. HOWEVER, BEFORE WE RAISE THIS MATTER FORMALLY WITH
THE EAST GERMANS, AND REQUEST THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS BY THE
GDR PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN BONN, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
THE DEPARTMENT'S CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH A DETAIL OF WEST
GERMANS TO EAST BERLIN FOR TRAINING PURPOSES WOULD NOT BE
CONTRARY TO THE BALANCED ORAL UNDERSTANDING ACHIEVED IN
CONNECTION WITH SUB-PARAGRAPH C OF THE US-GDR CONFIDENTIAL
LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 1974. ACCORDING TO THIS UNDER-
STANDING (PARA 4, REFTEL), WE AGREED NOT TO EMPLOYE WEST
BERLINERS OR WEST GERMANS AT THIS US EMBASSY.BLOCH

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